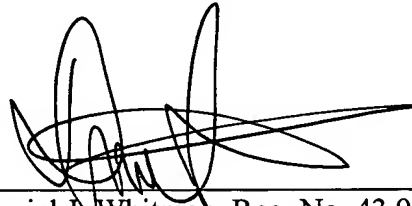## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2005. The Office Action includes a paragraph indicating that the information disclosure statement of July 17, 2004 was improper and stating that the information referred to in the information disclosure statement has not been considered on the merits. The information disclosure statement refers to two prior art references (U.S. Patent No. 4,684,157 and GB Patent No. 885,594) and improperly lists the International Search Report. A Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Office Action of February 23, 2005 indicates that the Examiner considered the two prior art references submitted in the information disclosure statement. As such, the duty of disclosure with regard to the prior art disclosed in the International Search Report has been met. If the above-referenced prior art references were not considered by the Examiner, despite the Examiner's initials on the Form PTO-1449, the Examiner is asked to please inform the below listed attorney for the applicant so that the references may be resubmitted.

The Office Action of July 18, 2005 indicated claims 4-19, 27-36, and 43 as being allowed. Claims 37-42 stand rejected. This amendment cancels rejected claims 37-42.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified

application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified

application is respectfully requested.

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